

Appl. No. 09/759,427

Response to Office Action of June 17, 2005

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated June 17, 2005. Claims 1-14 are pending in the patent application period. Claims 1-6, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 7-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments made herein. Applicant respectfully submits for the reasons set forth below, that the rejections of the claims have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patentability of Claims 1-14.

Claims 1-11, 13 and 14 were objected to based on informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1-6, 11, 13 and 14 to correct the informalities. Also, Applicant has canceled claims 7-10. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to claims 1-11, 13 and 14 has been overcome.

Claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,763,007 to La Porta ("*La Porta*"). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. Nevertheless, Applicant has canceled claims 7-10. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 7-10 has been overcome.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-6 and 11-14 are patentable over the art of record because the cited references do not disclose all of the elements of these claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-6 and 11-14 be deemed allowable at this time and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

No fees are due in this case. If any other fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Patent Office is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-1818. If such a withdrawal is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. (112857-229) on the account statement.

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